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Your Roseway Neighborhood Association welcomes everyone.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.00-8.30pm, except August & December.

Meetings are at the Grace Lutheran Church at 7610 NE Fremont, on the corner of 76th Ave & Fremont.

=Hope to see you there=

Roseway

Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Ice Cream Social

By Esther Arellano Harlow, RNA Chair

Thank you to everyone who came and contributed to our Ice Cream Social on July 26!

The goal of the ice cream social is to build community and camaraderie between neighbors. The more we connect, the more healthy, happy, safe, and resilient our community will be.

For the first time ever, we closed the street for this event: linking two segments of the park blocks and ensuring we had an ADA accessible area for all neighbors to participate.

Board members and Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) staff brought and set up tents, decorations, booths, ice cream, and games. The Eagles of Freedom (and Friends) played relaxed Brazilian jazz inspired pop music under the trees. Some kids joined in on instruments.

Rocky Butte Farmers Market, Rose City Neighborhood Emergency Team, and CNN shared information about their projects and how neighbors can get involved. CNN interns painted kids faces. Kids and families played soccer, cornhole, and other games. A surprise visit from a fire truck delighted everyone who got to climb inside and learn about the sophisticated tools our fire department uses to help protect people.

Do you have ideas about how to improve the event next year? Are you able to contribute? Come to our board meetings and join one of the event planning committees: rna begins strategizing in January!



Concerts in the Park

By Angela Carpenter

Hundreds of people turned out for Roseway's city-produced summer concerts in Wellington Park in August.

Music lovers danced to the tunes of Chervona, JT Trawick's Ozark Orchestra and Blondie tribute band Glass of Hearts. Concerts were moved to Wellington this summer during Glenhaven Park's renovation, and the move drew a hearty response from many neighbors.

Portland Commissioner Amanda Fritz was on hand for the final show of the series, speaking about ballot measures regarding Bull Run Watershed protections and city emergency mutual aid agreements.

Thanks to local sponsors Roseway Neighborhood Association, Maid Brigade, Consolidated Community Credit Union and Sue Coon & James Coon Realty for supporting this year's efforts!

Roseway Fall Calendar:

Urban Forestry Tree
Planting on 72nd Ave
Park Blocks
Saturday, Oct 5th
8:30 AM -12:00 PM

UPCOMING RNA MEETINGS

TIME:

7PM-8:30PM

LOCATION:

7610 NE Fremont St

Tuesday, Oct 8th 7PM
General Meeting AND
ELECTIONS!

Tuesday, Nov 12th

No Meeting in
December

Tuesday, Jan 14th

Tuesday, Feb 11th

Tuesday, Mar 10th

Mowing the 72nd Ave Park Blocks

By Bob Price

For the past several years, residents of the Roseway Neighborhood have participated in mowing the grass of the 72nd Avenue park blocks, or have contributed to that effort, or both. We have an informal agreement with Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) that PBOT will mow the park blocks once a month from April through June, and we will mow it in-between. This arrangement has worked well for the past few years, and we seek to continue that working arrangement.

We have several volunteer neighbors who have driven the riding mower over the 5 park blocks. The riding mower was privately owned and loaned to us as a goodwill gesture. However, the riding mower met an untimely end this winter under several tons of falling alder tree. The owner is in the process of buying a new riding mower, but there is no timeline for the replacement. Nevertheless, we continue on. Some have done cutting on their own with their own mowers, taking about an

hour to cut an area directly opposite their home. This effort is greatly appreciated while we replace the riding mower. Meanwhile, PBOT's end of the agreement continues, with a mowing on Tuesday, June 18th.

In an effort to continue with our program, we also seek donations and contributions. We have the cost of gas, annual tune-up of the riding mower, and with what we have remaining, we contribute to Madison High School's athletic program. In the past, they have used these contributions for boys' soccer, girls' soccer, and girls' tennis.

If you wish to help out, please do the following:

For help with labor, please call Bob Price at 503-807-4009, or e-mail at rprice1145@gmail.com. If you wish to contribute financially, please send a donation in any amount to:

Central Northeast Neighbors
4415 NE 87th Avenue
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Please mark your check on the note line "grass mowing". Thank you!

Update on the Residential Infill Project August 30th, 2019

By Catherine Wilson

The Housing Opportunities Initiative bundles two residential code update projects- Better Housing by Design and RIP, along with an anti-displacement action plan for a more "powerful and coordinated" response to Portland's housing crisis. A work session on Better Housing by Design will take place at City Council on September 10th, with a public hearing on October 2. The RIP will follow in December.

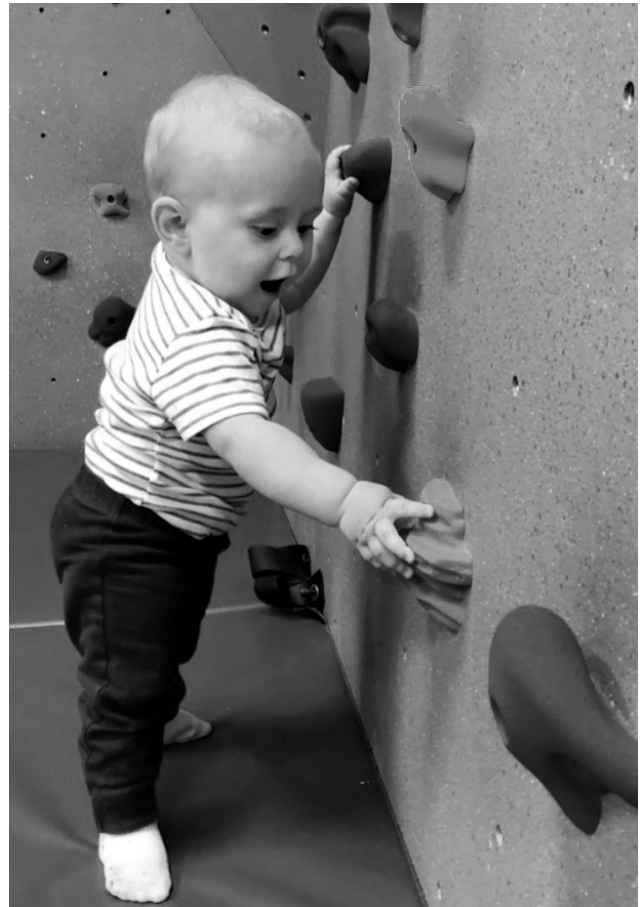
There's still much work to be done on RIP since House Bill 2001 became law. It goes into more detail regarding middle housing in R10 and R20 zoning districts and has a different interpretation of "cottage cluster" housing districts. The effective date for HB 2001's requirements in Portland is June 30, 2022. Senate Bill 534 has a much sooner effective date of March 1, 2020. This bill requires cities to recognize platted lots in all zones that allow single dwellings (subject to exclusions). As soon as amendments are made to the Recommended Draft of RIP, they will be posted: portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill

The Nest at 6517 NE Sandy Blvd. By Caitlin Hill

The Nest Playground opened in the fall of 2018 and offers an indoor Playground structure, a rock climbing wall, a studio room with mirrored walls, and a small area where babies and younger toddlers can play which promotes the interaction/engagement of all children and encourages curiosity and exploration. The owners Dr. George Lin and Amy Buehler (parents themselves) wanted to create a fun, educational and safe space where families could come together to play and explore new skills.

The Nest also offers private birthdays and events as well as classes in foreign languages, dance, yoga, self-defense and disaster preparedness. In response to requests for supervised care, they started the Parent's Day Out program which allows parents to drop off their kids for three hours of play on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-5. Aside from this program, adult supervision is always required.

For more information, visit the Nest Playground's website at www.nestplayground.com



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Letter to the Editor By Mike D.

In the last Roseway Neighborhood Association Newsletter, Catherine Wilson discussed a little bit about Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability's (BPS) plan called Residential Infill Project (RIP). They want to change the zoning laws to put more houses into some neighborhoods in North, Northeast and Southeast Portland. This is to alleviate the homeless crisis by making builders build "affordable houses". But just what makes a house or apartment affordable?

You've probably heard, a home is affordable if the monthly cost is less than 1/3 of the occupants income. Not helpful if your income is near zero. Maybe look at it from the other direction: what makes a home unaffordable? The price is too high for all but one buyer. How's that? The house market is just an auction-- the home goes to the highest bidder. And some people seem to have so much cash that they don't mind bidding ABOVE the asking price, when

the rest of us know we're expected to bid BELOW the asking price.

So, what kind of house would not get bid up, such that people with almost no money might win the bid? It would have to be a house that no one wants-- except someone who's living in a tent. What would such a house look like? Probably a micro house: one room, maybe electricity, window and a door. What would a cheap apartment look like? Much the same: a dorm room or a boarding house room.

With that in mind, just what is the Portland City Commission (and now the Oregon Legislature) trying to do? It looks to me they simply want to put more houses in the same space. It's good for businesses: more customers. It's good for the City: more property tax revenue. And for homeowners: lower house prices.

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Thoughts by an Editor on The Rewrite of Code 3.96

By Catherine Wilson, RNA Board Member

A committee hand-picked by Suk Rhee, the Director of the Office of Community and Civic Life (OCCL), has proposed revisions to Code 3.96 which are a blatant trespass against a system of Neighborhood Associations and the democratic principle of geographic representation. This is especially pressing as Portland elects its City Council at-large and is already facing problems of geographic inequity of representation and dollars spent.

There is little doubt that OCCL started out with great intentions: to achieve greater inclusion as called for in the 2016 Auditor's Report. That report also called for the strengthening of Neighborhood Associations, not the weakening. The ideas of equal representation, transparency and accountability faded amidst the over use of aspirational language without a detailed inclusion structure.

With the last "published" rewrite, the City's formal recognition of Neighborhood Associations and Coalitions is removed from Code. The requirement for open meetings and access to public records is eliminated. The city will not be obligated to inform

Neighborhood Associations of land use issues. The authorization for the Noise Control Office will no longer exist.

If Coalitions are not recognized, the insurance for events and board participation will disappear, which means events sponsored by the neighborhood association will not happen. It is proposed that recognized groups be designated by the Civic Life director, who also will be the sole arbitrator for recipients of grants and contracts.

OCCL needs to revisit at its own Public Involvement Principles and attempt to engage with the city's 95 neighborhood associations to allow for fair debate. The process could and should be invigorated by representation from all stakeholders which would include neighborhood associations.

RNA's letter to City Council in opposition to the Code Rewrite can be viewed in its entirety at roseway.org City Council is to vote on proposal on November 14, 2019 5-8 pm.

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People and the Environment

By Brye Lefler, RNA Board Member

Thank you and congratulations to the Rocky Butte Farmers Market for a successful and vibrant launch during their summer 2019 pop-up events hosted on the grounds of the Dharma Rain Zen Center! The market, named after the iconic extinct volcanic cinder cone towering over Roseway, Sumner, and Madison South neighborhoods, is the multi-year brain child of local organizers. After receiving a resounding yes in local resident surveys about interest in an area farmers market, the team has worked diligently to assemble the support and coordinate the logistics needed to bring the project to fruition.

The first pop-up event occurred on July 13 and drew almost 1000 people. Many of the vendors quickly sold out of locally-grown meat, eggs, and vegetables. An exit survey, designed to inform the organizers of customer demand, showed interest in increasing the amount and diversity of produce and prepared food vendors. The planning team promptly responded to this input, expanding the number of vendors during their subsequent August 3 event, which drew more than 800 people.

On the heels of a successful market launch, the organizers are turning their attention to planning regularly occurring markets for 2020. The work ahead includes identifying a site in one of the three neighborhoods, fund raising, and identifying market dates and vendors. Please visit the Rocky Butte Farmers Market website and donate your time or financial support if you are able: <https://www.rockybuttemarket.com/>.



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What Does Your N.A. Do For You?

By Catherine Wilson, RNA Board Member

Neighborhood Associations invite participation from all who live or operate a business within the established neighborhood boundaries.

Because we comply with Oregon's Open Meeting Law, all of our meetings are open to the public. (Grace Lutheran Church/76th and Fremont/2nd Tuesday of the month/7-8:30pm)

Neighborhood Associations are the connection between the City and the residents and/or business owners for issues involving Land Use and Transportation, construction, zoning, emergency preparedness (NET) and any criminal activity, safety or health matters.

Neighborhood Associations also act as sponsors of Neighborhood Cleanups, Picnics in the Park, Garden Walks, Concerts and Movies in the Park and National Night Out.

To keep residents informed, most Neighborhood Associations also put together and distribute a newsletter, either by hand, or electronically.

How can you help? Come to our meetings and volunteer! Be a part of your Neighborhood Association!



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Planting with Friends of Trees

By Catherine Clark

Planting with Friends of Trees (Catherine Clark)

Friends of Trees is a local non-profit that works with a large volunteer base and in partnership with the City of Portland to plant trees in Portland and surrounding areas. The city subsidizes the cost of the trees as the people of Portland gain so many environmental benefits from them, such as beautiful tree canopies and storm water mitigation. That allows the city to build less infrastructure to carry storm water and keeps our water supplies cleaner.

To obtain a tree through FOT, it is necessary to create an online account at friendsoftrees.org. If a street tree (a tree in the parking strip) is desired, a city inspection is required, in addition to a utility locate to ensure a tree planting does not interfere with any utilities. After those are completed, the online account will chart the tree choices selected to suit the

planting site.

FOT takes care of the city planting permit, hole digging, tree transportation and planting by trained volunteers. After all the trees are planted, there is a big potluck lunch for all and it's a great way to meet your neighbors and build community.

Contact FOT office 503.595.0212 or roseway@plant-itportland.org with questions.

Portland Urban Forestry/PBOT/BES/RNA are sponsoring a TREE PLANTING on the Park Blocks between NE Failing and Skidmore on October 5th from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. PortlandOregon.gov/parks/61420

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Chair's Corner By Esther Arellano Harlow

In 1939, exactly 80 years ago, the government made recommendations about where banks should lend money for buying and improving homes. People who got these loans, could grow wealth to pass down. Neighborhoods were "graded" by colors.

Roseway was graded blue, or "B, Still Desirable." Nearby neighborhoods like Madison South and Cully were yellow, or "C, Definitely Declining." Albina and Alberta were red, or "D, Hazardous." (You may have heard of "redlining" in inner NEPDX that prevented many Black Portlanders from getting loans.) Rose City Park was blue and green, "A, Best."

Much of the grade had to do with who lived where. Roseway had "Business & professional men, white collar workers, skilled artisans" with middle class incomes. There were "Scandinavian" immigrants, but no Black people or "Infiltration of subversive racial elements": Jews and people from Asia or eastern Europe.

This map tells another story: who was wanted here? Who wasn't? Who was rewarded for being here, and who wasn't? Not just in each neighborhood, but in our city and community at large.

When I look at this map, and current maps for our city (the map of neighborhood associations, census data), I am troubled. To be honest, not much has changed in 80 years. We are still separated and segregated. Even the same streets divide us.

As a community, we deserve better. We deserve a diverse and vibrant neighborhood that welcomes all. How can we do this? If you would like to continue this conversation, please come to our next NA meetings on [dates].

See the HOLC map at: dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining



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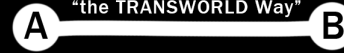
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